

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7 with the amended paragraph as follows:

—This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/075,348 entitled “Selectable Threshold Multimode Gain Control Apparatus and Method for Setting Mutually Continuous Analog, Digital, and Shutter Gain Levels” having inventors Nadi Rafik Itani, Caiyi Wang, and David R. Welland and is related to Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/075,382; 09/075,491; 09/075,506; 09/075,449; 09/075,446, respectively entitled “Image Processor Circuits, Systems, and Methods” having inventors Sandra Marie Johnson, Shih-Chung Chao, Nadi Rafik Itani, Caiyi Wang, Brannon Craig Harris, Ash Prabala, Douglas R. Holberg, Alan Hansford, Syed Khalid Azim, and David R. Welland, from which U.S. divisional application no. 10/107,892 was filed on March 27, 2002, “Digital Camera Signal Processor and Method” having inventors Syed Khalid Azim, Shih-Chung Chao, Brannon Craig Harris, and Ash Prabala, which is now abandoned; “Pipelined Analog-to-Digital Converter (ADC) Systems, Methods, and Computer Program Products” having inventors Sandra Marie Johnson and David R. Welland, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,169,502 on January 2, 2001; “High Voltage Input Pad System and Method” having inventors Douglas R. Holberg, Nadi Rafik Itani, and David R. Welland, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,038,116 on March 14, 2000 and from which U.S. continuation application no. 09/433,812 was filed on November 3, 1999 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,285,536 on September 4, 2001; and “Histogram-Based Automatic Gain Control Method and System for Video Applications” having inventors Nadi Rafik Itani, Caiyi Wang, and David R. Welland; each of these applications filed on even date herewith, and each incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--